up a State Human Rights Commission.

(e) and (f) The term "human rights" is already very broadly defined in Section 2 (d) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Government has no proposal to make any amendments in the definition of human rights.

Modernisation of BSF

1352. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise and strengthen the Border Security Force, particularly its water and air wings, to check smuggling of explosive and other materials assisting the terrorists and fundamentalist elements operating operating along the borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether better boats and aircrafts are likely to be provided to the Force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Modernisation and strengthening of the Border Security Force, including the Water and Air Wings, is a continuous and ongoing process.

(c) and (d) In the recent past BSF has been sanctioned 43 speed boats, 2 medium crafts, mechanised boats, 9 country boats, 61 engine-fitted country boats and 14 motor vehicles besides 423 additional posts under its expansion programme.

Scandal in the recruitment of Home Guards

1353. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news published in the Indian Express of 19th January, 1995 that a major scandal in the recruitment of Home Guards involving several senior officials has been unearthed; if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether any enquiry has since been conducted into the affair;

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and who are the persons found involved in it and what action has been taken against them; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to make the recruitment procedure transparent and objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir, Government are aware of the news item in question.

(b) and (c) Government of NCT of Delhi have reported that they had ordered an enquiry by the Director General of Home Guards on the basis of the newspaper report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 19 January, 1995. In his report, the Director General has stated that several incriminating documents were found in the car of a volunteer company commander, Shri Desh Bakht Kaushik, who was found murdered in his car on 25.12.94. These documents suggested that a number of persons were duped by the said volunteer officer who had issued blank sanad numbers to Home Guards volunteers. A total of 15 such persons gave statement that Shri Kaushik had charged money ranging from Rs. 6000|- to Rs. 14,000|- from them for the blank sanad numbers.

A District Staff Officer, against whom allegations of grave lapses had, prima-facie, come to notice in this connection, has been placed

under suspension and a departmental enquiry ordered against him. A criminal case has also been registered at Police Station Tilak Nagar, New Delhi.

(d) Rules/guidelines for recruitment of Home Guards exist and modifications/amendments in them are carried out as and when considered necessary.

Bailing out of suspects in ISRO Espionage case

1354. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the persons involved in the ISRO espionage case have been bailed out; and

(b) whether Government would consider tightening the law to prevent the bailing out of suspected spies and other anti-national elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Bail has been granted by the High Court of Kerala to the six accused persons arrested in the ISRO espionage case. However, two of them are still in judicial custody as they have not fulfilled the conditions in the bail order.

(b) In case of non-bailable offences, the grant of bail lies at the discretion of the Court.

Deterioration in the law and order situation in the capital

1355. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the cases of murder, kidnapping, rape and dowry deaths which took place in Delhi during each of the last three years and so far in 1995;

(b) whether there has been an overall deterioration in the law and order situation in the capital and increase in the cases of murder of elderly couples living in posh colonies of South and New Delhi;

(c) if so, what are the details of such cases during the above period; and

(d) what safety measures Government have taken so far or propose to take for the protection of the life and property of the residents of the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The number of cases of murder, kidnapping, rape and dowry deaths reported in Delhi during 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995 (upto 28.2.95) are as under:—

Year	Murder	Kidnapping	Rape	Dowry deaths
1	2	3	4	5
1992	529	714	284	129
1993	493	636	315	127
1994	492	784	309	146
1995 (upto 28-2-95)	68	112	49	17